



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

In re Application of:  
Richard W. Tock, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/849,181  
Filed: May 5, 2001  
For: **CELLULOSE FIBERS AND  
THEIR USE IN REDUCING  
VOC EMISSIONS**

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Atty. Docket No.: GORA,007-04

Examiner: M.D. Vargot

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*[Signature]*  
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October 12, 2004  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT (37 C.F.R. 1.181)**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests withdrawal of abandonment of the captioned application. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 13, 2004 indicating that the application was abandoned for failure to reply to a May 19, 2003 Official Action. However, a response to that Action was filed, and Applicant is, therefore, filing this Rule 1.181 Petition to submit proof of the filing of the Response and to request withdrawal of abandonment. Please consider the following evidence in support of this Petition under Rule 1.181.

A copy of Applicant's **Response to Official Action of May 19, 2003** as filed (with a properly executed certificate of mailing) on August 19, 2003, as well as the letter transmitting that Response (also with a properly executed certificate of mailing), is attached as Exhibit A. Further, a postcard was sent along with that Response for date-stamping and return, and a copy of that postcard with the date-received stamp of the Office is included in Exhibit A.

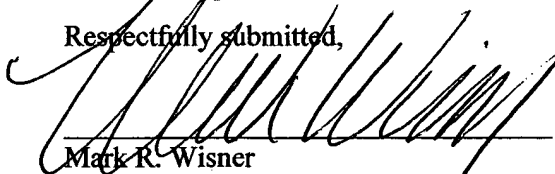
It is therefore respectfully requested that the attached **Response to Official Action of May 19, 2003**, which does not appear to have been entered by the Office, be considered timely at this time and that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Applicant's Attorney is informing the Office of the mailing of the Response promptly after becoming aware that the Office had no evidence of its receipt, and as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b), this Petition is accompanied by a

copy of that Response. Further, the attached date-stamped postcard provides evidence of the timely mailing of that Response (37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)(3)) and receipt of the Response by the Office.

Also attached as Exhibit B is a **Revised Response to Official Action of May 19, 2003**. The undersigned Attorney had several telephone conferences with the Examiner over the last few months. During one such conversation, the Examiner mentioned that Applicant's **Response to Official Action of May 13, 2003** may not have been entered because of non-compliance with the Revised Amendment Practice effective July 30, 2003 (*see* 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 (June 30, 2003)). However, Applicant has not received a notice of non-compliant amendment indicating that the Response was not entered for this reason. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's **Response to Official Action of May 19, 2003**, which amended the application only by deleting claims, complied in all respects with the revised amendment practice (*see* paragraph II(A)(1) of the "06/30/03 Flyer for mailing with all Office actions by all TCs" stating that "Canceled and not entered claims must be indicated by **only the claim number and status, without presenting the text of the claims.**") such that there was no reason to issue a notice of non-compliant amendment. However, on the chance that Applicant's Response is regarded as not being in compliance with the revised amendment practice, and so as not to delay further examination of the application, Applicant is submitting the attached **Revised Response to Official Action of May 13, 2003** and, if necessary to insure the further examination of the application, requests entry of same at the time this Petition to Withdraw Abandonment is granted.

So far as is known, there is no fee for this Rule 1.181 Petition. However, if a fee is assessed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1331 (I01102/03102) in the amount of any necessary fee. Early and favorable action on this Petition is respectfully requested. In the event there are questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the address and phone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,



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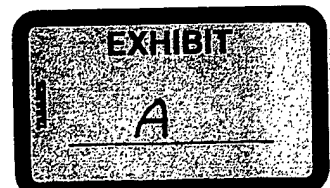
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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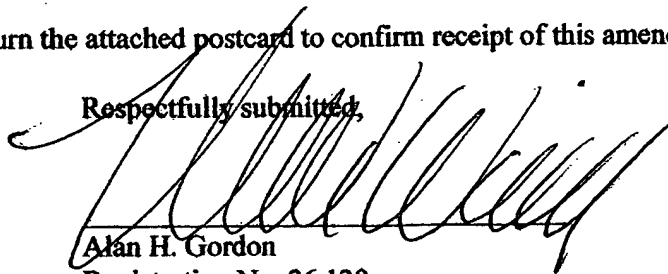
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accompanying check (if any) is insufficient, or if any check referred to herein is inadvertently not attached to this paper.

☒ Please date stamp and return the attached postcard to confirm receipt of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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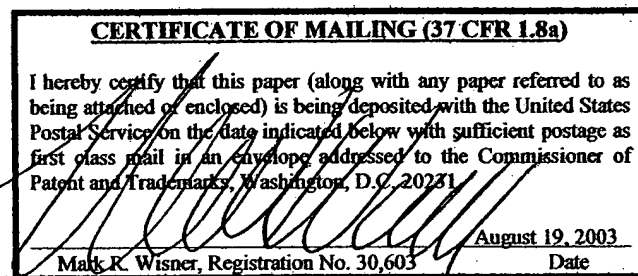


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF MAY 19, 2003**

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action of May 19, 2003 in the captioned application in timely fashion as follows. In the event the certificate of mailing on either document was either inadvertently not executed or improperly executed, any necessary fees were not included and/or were insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time to respond for the period necessary to ensure consideration of this Response and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1331 (GORA,007-04) in the amount of any necessary fee.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim(s) 1-6, 15, 21, and 22 without prejudice.

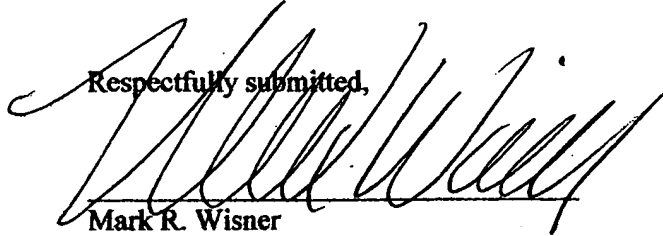
**REMARKS**

In the Official Action of May 19, 2003, claims 7-14 and 16-20 were allowed and cancellation of claims 1-6, 15, 21, and 22 was requested so as to put the application in condition for allowance. For that reason, Applicants have canceled claims 1-6, 15, 21, and 22, and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendment(s) set out above, consideration of the remarks set out herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issuance are all respectfully requested. In the event there are questions, please

contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the new address and telephone number set out below and in the Notice of Change of Correspondence Address filed in the application with a certificate of facsimile transmission on May 16, 2003 (copy enclosed for the convenience of the Office).

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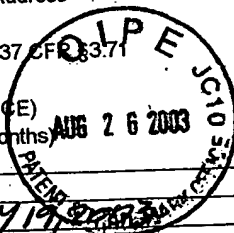
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**REVISED RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF MAY 19, 2003**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits this Revised Response to Official Action of May 19, 2003 in the captioned application for the reasons set out in the Petition to Withdraw Abandonment filed concurrently herewith. In the event the certificate of mailing on either document was either inadvertently not executed or improperly executed, any necessary fees were not included and/or were insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time to respond for the period necessary to ensure consideration of this Response and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1331 (I01102/3102) in the amount of any necessary fee.

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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend and/or cancel the claim(s) of the captioned application, and/or add claim(s) to the captioned application, in accordance with the following annotations and/or mark-ups showing all change(s) relative to the previous version(s) of the claim(s) as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7. (original) In a method of molding plastic articles using a thermoset resin, the improvement comprising adding a cellulosic material to the resin before curing to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds.

Claim 8. (previously amended) The improved method of claim 7 wherein said cellulosic material additionally comprises between about 10 and about 50 weight per cent of lignin.

Claim 9. (previously amended) The improved method of claim 7 additionally comprising applying a coating of the cellulosic material over the mixture of cellulosic material and resin.

Claim 10. (previously amended) The improved method of claim 7 wherein the resin is a styrene resin and the cellulosic material is applied no later than about ten minutes prior to the onset of the curing reaction.

Claim 11. (original) The improved method of claim 10 wherein the cellulosic material is applied prior to the onset of polymerization of the resin.

Claim 12. (original) The improved method of claim 7 additionally comprising accelerating the curing of the resin.

Claim 13. (original) The improved method of claim 12 additionally comprising limiting the temperature at which the resin cures.

Claim 14. (original) The improved method of claim 7 additionally comprising limiting the temperature at which the resin cures.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 16. (previously amended) The improved method of claim 7 wherein said cellulosic material is selected from the group consisting of cotton burrs, cotton stalks, flax, hemp, jute, cotton seed, rice hulls, wheat straw, corn stalks, peanut shells, sunflower shells, sunflower stalks, sugar cane, wood flour, wood pulp, sawdust, wood chips, tree bark, and mixtures thereof.

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